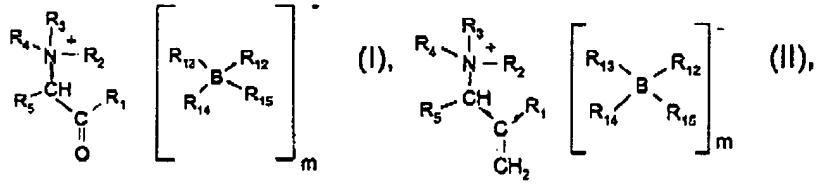
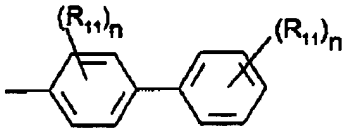


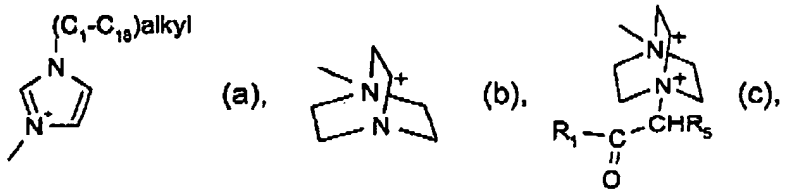
wherein

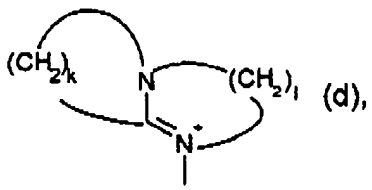
m is 1 or 2 and corresponds to the number of positive charges of the cation;

R_1 is phenyl, naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthracyl, pyrenyl, thienyl, thianthrenyl, thioxanthyl, fluorenyl or phenoxazinyl, these radicals being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted with C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_3-C_{18}alkenyl, NR_6R_7, OH, CN, OR_8, SR_8, $C(O)R_9$, $C(O)OR_{10}$ or halogen, or R_1 is a radical of formula A



R_2, R_3, and R_4 each independently are hydrogen, C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_3-C_{18} alkenyl or phenyl, or R_2 and R_3 and/or R_4 and R_3 each independently form a C_2-C_{12} alkylene bridge; or R_2, R_3, R_4, together with the linking nitrogen atom, are a group of the structural formula (a), (b), (c), or (d)





k and l each independently are a number from 2 to 4;

R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, R_9, and R_{10} are hydrogen or C_1-C_{18} alkyl;

R_{11} is C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_2-C_{18} alkenyl, NR_6R_7, OR_8, or SR_8; and

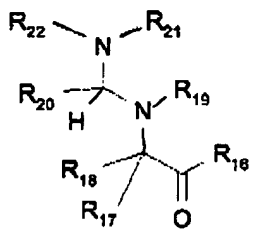
n is 0 or 1, 2 or 3;

R_{12}, R_{13}, and R_{14} are phenyl or another aromatic hydrocarbon, these radicals being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted with C_1-C_{18} alkyl, OR_8, or halogen;

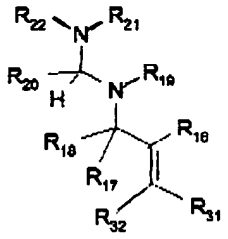
R_{15} is C_1-C_{18} alkyl, phenyl or another aromatic hydrocarbon, the radicals phenyl and aromatic hydrocarbon being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted with C_1-C_{18} alkyl, OR_8, or halogen;

or

2) compounds of formula (III) or (IV)



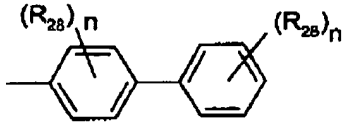
(III)



(IV),

wherein

R_{16} is phenyl, naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthracyl, pyrenyl, thienyl, thianthrenyl, thioxanthyl, fluorenyl or phenoxazinyl, these radicals being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted with C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_3-C_{18}alkenyl, $NR_{23}R_{24}$, OH, CN, OR_{25}, SR_{25}, $C(O)R_{26}$, $C(O)OR_{27}$ or halogen, or R_{16} is a radical of formula A



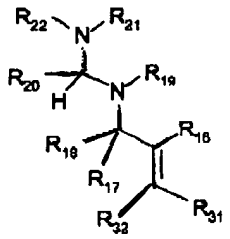
(A),

R_{17} and R_{18} each independently are hydrogen, C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_3-C_{18} alkenyl, C_3-C_{18} alkynyl or phenyl;

R_{20} is C_1-C_{18} alkyl or $NR_{29}R_{30}$;

R_{19}, R_{21}, R_{22}, R_{23}, R_{24}, R_{25}, R_{26}, and R_{27} are hydrogen or C_1-C_{18} alkyl;
R_{28} is C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_2-C_{18} alkenyl, $NR_{23}R_{24}$, OR_{25}, or SR_{25}; and R_{29} and R_{30} each independently are hydrogen or C_1-C_{18} alkyl; or
R_{19} and R_{21} together form a C_2-C_{12} alkylene bridge or
R_{20} and R_{22} together, independently of R_{19} and R_{21}, form a C_2-C_{12} alkylene bridge or, if R_{20} is $NR_{29}R_{30}$, R_{30} and R_{22} together form a C_2-C_{12} alkylene bridge;
R_{31} is hydrogen or C_1-C_{18} alkyl;
R_{32} is hydrogen, C_1-C_{18} alkyl or phenyl.

3. A coating composition according to claim 1, wherein the photolatent base is an α-aminoalkene of the structure (IV),



(IV),

wherein
R_{16} is phenyl;
R_{17} and R_{18} are hydrogen or methyl;
R_{19} and R_{21} together form a C_3-alkylene bridge;
R_{20} and R_{22} together form a C_3-alkylene bridge;
R_{31} and R_{32} are hydrogen.

14. A method of coating a substrate wherein a coating composition according to claim 1 is applied to a substrate and subsequently the substrate is exposed to ultraviolet light.